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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, each year, at the commencement of its first meeting, the Committee elects its Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons. In accordance with rule 19, Bureau members are eligible for re-election. One of the Vice-Chairpersons is later designated also to serve as Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Committee shall, at the beginning of each session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda for the current session was approved by the Council in its decision 2004/321.

Documentation

Document E/C.2/2005/CRP.5

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

(a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the previous session of the Committee

The Committee will consider applications and requests for reclassification deferred from the sessions of previous years.

Documentation

Applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 (E/C.2/2005/CRP.1)

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

The Committee will consider new applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification from NGOs and act thereon.

Documentation

New applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: memorandums by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2005/R.2 and Add.1-15)

Request for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2005/R.3)

4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

(a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Council

(b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Council

In accordance with the arrangements for consultation with NGOs in general and special consultative status with the Council that were approved by the Council in its resolution 1996/31, such organizations are required to submit, every fourth year, a report on their activities as regards the support they have given to the work of the United Nations.

The Committee will consider quadrennial reports submitted by NGOs on their activities deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003 and 2004. The Committee will also consider quadrennial reports submitted by organizations on their activities during the periods 1999-2002 and 2000-2003.

Documentation

Quadrennial reports for the period 2000-2003 submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 (E/C.2/2005/2 and Add.1-8)

Compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions held in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 (E/C.2/2005/CRP.2)

5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat

In view of the expansion of the functions and responsibilities of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat to meet the demand of the growing number of applications for consultative status, as well as the demands of a larger and more active non-governmental organizations community, the Committee decided, at its 2004 regular and resumed sessions, that the strengthening of the Section should continue to be a priority during its 2005 session, and reaffirmed its strong support to the ongoing process of strengthening the Section, including the "paperless" Committee initiative.

Documentation

Documents E/C.2/2005/CRP.3-6

6. **Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304**

(a) **Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations**

The Committee will continue to consider the issue of the accreditation of representatives of NGOs and their participation in the work of the United Nations.

(b) **Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group**

At its 2000 session, the Committee established an informal working group, open to all interested members of the Committee, to review its methods of work, including accreditation issues, procedures, coordination with the secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights, enhancement of the non-governmental organizations information process and security issues. At its 2004 session, the Committee reviewed a number of issues that have been placed on the agenda of the informal working group, and decided that the group continue its work. The Secretariat will report to the Committee on the subject.

(c) **Other related matters**

The Committee will consider the following issues:

(i) Matters pertaining to reinstatement of consultative status of NGOs in cases where consultative status was suspended by the Council, including responses from the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat;

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General containing a special report (E/C.2/2005/3)

(ii) NGOs in consultative status with the Council who have merged with other NGOs and wish to maintain their consultative status under a new name;

(iii) NGOs in consultative status with the Council who wish to withdraw their consultative status.

7. **Implementation of Economic and Social Council decisions**

(a) **Decision 2001/295**

In its decision 2001/295, the Council, recalling its decision 1996/302, decided that the NGOs on the Roster of the Commission on Sustainable Development (see Council decision 1993/220) should apply for consultative status with the Council as would any other organization, as outlined in its resolution 1996/31. Those applications would be considered as expeditiously as possible under an agenda item of the Committee. The Committee will consider applications deferred from previous sessions.

Documentation

Implementation of Council decision 2001/295: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2005/CRP.7)

(b) Decision 2004/212

Pursuant to Council decision E/2004/212, non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development that wish to participate in future sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development beyond the first two-year implementation cycle may be considered by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, as expeditiously as possible, in accordance with the rules of procedure and the practices stipulated in Council resolution 1996/31.

Documentation

New applications received from non-governmental organizations accredited to the Summit for consultative status with the Council: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2005/R.5 and Add.1)

8. Consideration of special reports

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General containing a special report (E/C.2/2005/3)

9. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network

In its decision 2002/225, the Council established the general voluntary trust fund, and requested the Non-Governmental Organizations Section to identify and obtain the necessary financial, human and technical resources needed to carry out, in partnership with NGOs, Governments and other interested stakeholders, the development projects envisaged in the future framework of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network (IRENE).

Documentation

Document concerning general voluntary trust fund in support of IRENE (E/C.2/2005/CRP.8)

10. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2005 session of the Committee

In its resolution 1894 (LVII), the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a subsidiary body of the Council a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with information relating to documentation.

11. Adoption of the report of the Committee

The Committee is required to report to the Council on its regular session.